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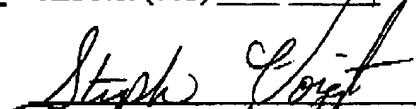
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
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##### Fee Description

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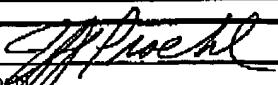
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 15, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** None.

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Amendments to the Drawings:** None.

**Remarks/Arguments:** begin on page 15 of this paper.